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OIG Profile

Tracey King Administrative Officer

Tracey King, a veteran administrator with more than 22 years of Federal service, joined the OIG as Administrative Officer in August 2010. King oversees the functions that support the daily operations of the OIG, including human resources, the budget, acquisitions and facilities. She also manages the OIG's administrative staff.



Born in Washington, DC, and raised in Capitol Heights, MD, King is a graduate of the Academy of Notre Dame in Washington and attended North Carolina A&T University.

She began her Federal career with the Drug Enforcement Administration and has also held administrative positions with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Resolution Trust Corporation, the Census Bureau and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Married, with one daughter, King and her family share a passion for fishing.

The new position of Administrative Officer was created to increase the efficiency of all operations that support investigations and audits. It is a key element of the OIG's Three-Year Work Plan for Fiscal Years 2011-2013. You can review entire the plan on our website at www.cncsoig.gov.

MISUSE IS A SERIOUS ABUSE OF VOLUNTEERS

Community service is a terrible thing to waste. And the Office of Inspector General has an intense interest in seeing to it that the talents and energies of AmeriCorps members and other service participants are not abused and squandered by program officials.

OIG investigators have recently closed a number of cases involving the abuse of service members who, instead of being deployed to meet the community needs specified in their program's Corporation grants, have instead been misused, often for the personal profit of grantee officials.

These are serious offenses against volunteers and the public's trust," said Acting Inspector General Kenneth Bach. "My staff and I are determined to stop these violations and protect members from such abuses."

Take the case of the day care center owner who received a grant to offer tutoring to youngsters. She instead used AmeriCorps members to staff her center as day care providers and used Corporation funds to help pay their salaries. Following an OIG investigation, the center owner pled guilty to theft of Federal Funds and was ordered to repay nearly \$100,000 to the Corporation, was placed on probation for two years and was required to

complete 200 hours of community service. Based on the OIG's findings, Corporation officials debarred the thief from access to Federal grants and contracts for three years.

A VISTA program and its participants were defrauded by a sponsor who diverted the members from their anti-poverty duties to work for her rental property company, where they did building maintenance and other non-service tasks. OIG investigators found the scheme allowed the scammer to supplement her employee costs with taxpayer-supported living allowances and other benefits. The sponsor's VISTA program was terminated and she was debarred for one year.

In yet another case, the director of a museum and an AmeriCorps program

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LEARN HOW TO PROTECT THE NATION'S INVESTMENT IN SERVICE

We want to enlist you and enlighten you in the battle against waste, fraud and abuse of taxpayer dollars invested in the programs of the Corporation for National and Community Service. And we'll come to your service site or grantee gathering to provide the necessary training.

Office of Inspector General investigators, auditors, and officials fan out across the country each year to conduct Fraud Awareness Briefings and training sessions.

Our Special Agents conduct Fraud Awareness Briefings whenever they visit an area or a program while investigating a case. The briefings provide insights into the role and mission of the OIG and typical fraud crimes that impact Corporation programs.



OIG Audit Manager Ron Huritz conducts a training session on audit procedures and common findings at the recent Corporation National Conference.

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RSVP EMBEZZLER SENTENCED

A former Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) director has been sentenced to five years of probation and ordered to repay the more than \$120,000 she embezzled from a Corporation-supported program in Morgantown, WV.

The case was investigated by OIG Special Agent William Ruley.

Amy Mick, 32, admitted to looting the RSVP funds from 2006 to 2009 by using a program credit card for personal purchases and writing and forging checks to herself from the program's account. Mick, who was sentenced July 22, 2010, could have faced up to 20 years in prison after pleading guilty to embezzlement and forgery.

"To a large degree, your reason for living for the next five years will be to pay restitution for what you have stolen," Monongalia County Circuit Judge Russell Clawges reportedly told Mick as he handed down his sentence. "If that means working two jobs, you'll work two jobs."

Mick managed the RSVP for the Monongalia County Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners. An official of that agency blamed Mick's misdeeds for an ensuing loss of Corporation grant funding and the shutdown of the senior citizens' program.

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Participants also find out how to spot common fraud indicators and learn when and how to contact the OIG when they suspect there is a problem.

Our Audit section provides training and instructional materials on topics ranging from how to prepare for an OIG audit to the most common findings and pitfalls identified by our examinations of grantee finances and operations.

We're looking to expand our outreach throughout the National Service community by participating in local, regional, and national gatherings of Corporation employees, State Commission personnel, grantees, sub-grantees, and volunteers.

To arrange for an OIG presentation at your event, call William Hillburg, OIG Outreach Coordinator, at (202) 606-9368, or e-mail him at w.hillburg@cncsoig.gov. In the meantime, the OIG invites you to check out the free resources available on our website at www.cncsoig.gov. Training materials include:

- Our downloadable Fraud Awareness and investigative brochure, including tips on how to identify and report suspected cases of waste, fraud, and abuse.
- Our downloadable All About Audits brochure, which explains the OIG audit process from initial notification to final resolution.
- Your Guide to the Office of Inspector General, a booklet explaining the role and operations of the OIG in an easy-to-read, Q&A format.
- Multimedia presentations on audit and investigative issues. Just click on either of our comprehensive briefings, and turn on your speaker for some soothing classical background music.

If you have an immediate concern about a Corporation program or a potential violation of law or Corporation policy, you should immediately call our Fraud Hotline at (800) 452-8210, or send an e-mail to Hotline@cncsoig.gov.

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assigned his members to help run the museum and gift shop instead of their grant-specified assignment of educational activities. OIG agents were tipped to the scheme by an AmeriCorps member who reported that she was not performing the service she had signed up for. The program was terminated the director was debarred for three years.

All Corporation grants specify the type of service that participants will perform and these requirements must be strictly followed by grantees. Also, the misuse of AmeriCorps and other service members in grantee staff roles is yet another violation of Corporation regulations, which bar the supplanting of paid employees.

Member abuse is a serious offense on several levels. First, it takes unfair advantage of the highly motivated volunteers who sign up for AmeriCorps, VISTA and other programs to make a difference in their communities. Second, such abuse denies promised services to needy communities and often results in the termination of a Corporation grant. Third, these scams squander taxpayer-financed resources that could be used by legitimate service programs.

Program participants are the OIG's most important resource when it comes to uncovering and halting member abuse. If you believe your program has assigned you to tasks outside the scope of the grant or that your service is not what you signed up for, call the OIG's Fraud Hotline at (800) 452-8210, or send an e-mail to hotline@cncsoig.gov.